

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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The original track, Mike Taylor is pulling joint bars in the background.



The Green Machine pulls the rail. While Frank looks on. The rail dates back to 1887.



Mike F. and Mike T. guide the Green Machine as we pull out the old ties.

Hello MOW folks and welcome to the late version of the MOW Weekly Update. We had a very busy week last week so let's get down to the updating!

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We met at the shops and did some good work and had lots of good laughs and shared great stories of adventure and personal development! In truth I forgot what we did.

Thursday: We started our weekend work project of rebuilding the CPPS Track #1 by removing the track bolts.

Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday: We were very busy putting in over 300 hours of volunteer work in one weekend. We rebuilt the track #1 of the CPPS. Started by removing the current track and found that just about all the ties were bad. After site preparation we placed new ties, added ballast and replaced the rail. We added tie plates to help extend the life of the track, the plates were acquired from the Napa wine train so we have added a little sophistication to our railroad. At the end of Sunday the crew moved the MOW containers from behind the museum to behind the CPPS. Those MOW volunteers that participated were very dedicated and did great work and deserve as much praise as we can all offer.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We already met and it was great!

Thursday: We will be meeting at the shop

starting at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: We will meet at the shop at 8:00 a.m. for fun on the track.



See you out on the line,
John, Sandy, and Chris

*photos courtesy of Richard Paul

Mike F. on the backhoe clearing out the old rock and dirt.



Clem and Chris filling in the dig with new base for the ties. Keeping it smooth.



The ties are in and now Clem, Ed, and Mike move the vintage 1887 rail back into place on the new ties.



The ties are down, the rail is in place and now John R., Heather, Steve, Clem, and Ed in the foreground put in the joint bars.



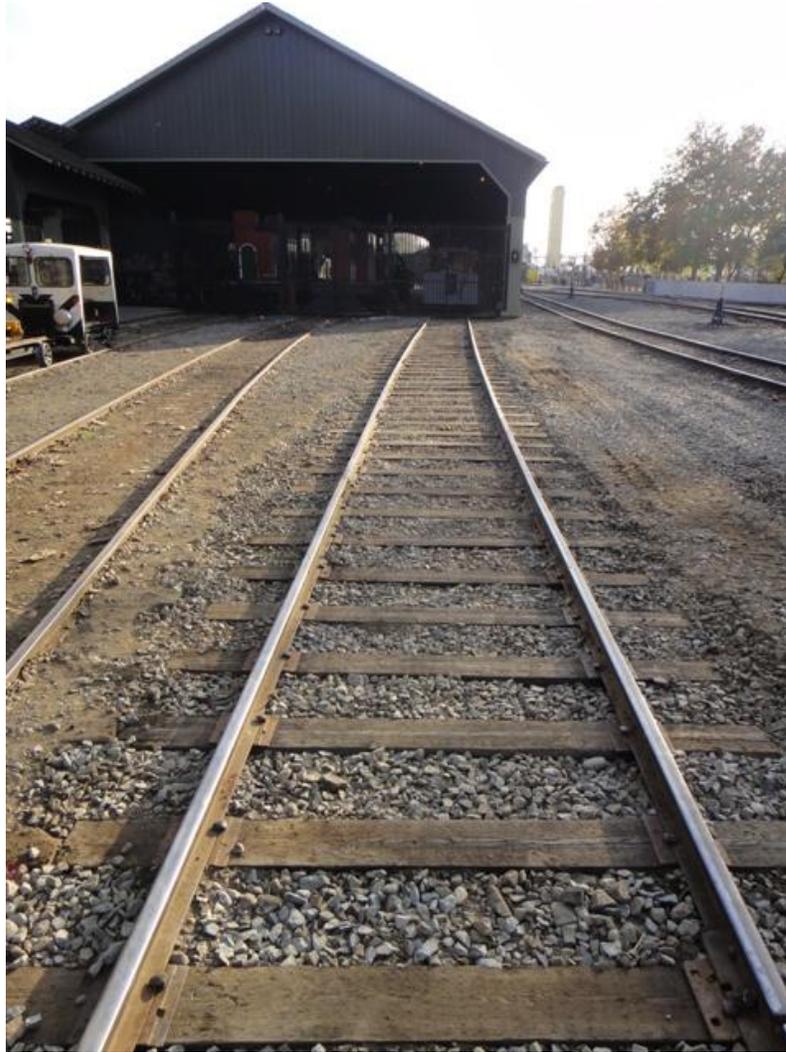
Roger, Frank, Steve, John, Mike are placing the tie plates, pre drilling and spiking the rail while DRO Hardy stands in awe of the MOW crew skill.



Putting in the ballast! Heather and Frank work the shovels while the truck delivers more rock.



Heather runs the tamper under Frank's direction while Mike monitors from the side.



The finished track. Like a carpet of dreams!



Our other project of the weekend, moving the MOW containers. Chris on the Green Machine, with Roger, and John following behind the container. The tamper is moving off the new CPPS track #1 to return to Miller park.